

Governor Profiles

Judy Bayliss: I have been involved in education in Hertfordshire for over forty years. Eight years ago, when I retired, I was very keen to still have a link with a school and was lucky enough to be appointed as a governor at Holtsmere End Junior School. I hope I can bring my years of experience as a teacher, head teacher and working in the advisory service to benefit the children in the school. Retirement has given me the opportunity to further pursue my interests and hobbies which include travelling, playing tennis and reading.

Louisa Hawker: I have relished the 23 years of my teaching career, 20 years of which have been happily spent at Holtsmere End Junior School. I have also enjoyed the opportunity to work with newly qualified teachers as their mentor and the time I spent as Literacy Leader at Holtsmere. I joined Holtsmere's governing body in 2012. In 2013 I became Assistant Head teacher and Inclusion co-ordinator, I completed my SENCO award in November 2014. I am passionate about working together with children and their families to ensure that all children have the opportunity to flourish and reach their full potential. I have two children aged 11 and 14 and I am married, together we enjoy walking, cycling and watching films. (To be honest the children prefer watching the films!) I am an avid reader although nowadays my reading is confined to treasured moments in the school holidays.

Paul Heskin: I am the Deputy Head teacher at Holtsmere End Junior School. I am also English subject co-ordinator, with a focus on writing. I also take a lead in R.E. and Computing. This is my fifth year at Holtsmere and my fourteenth year in teaching. I enjoy keeping fit in my spare time by taking part in local fun runs.

Claire Howsley: I am in my 7th year as a parent governor. My daughter came to Holtsmere and my son is presently in Year 6. I sit on the Teaching and Learning Committee and, as a teacher myself, have an interest in innovative ways of increasing children's progress. Having seen lots of changes in the school, I am pleased to be able to take an active role in supporting the school move to outstanding.

Emma McGuigan: I have been teaching for 21 years and have previously taught in schools in Berkhamsted and Croxley Green. I love to teach, with Maths and Art being my favourite subjects. I have twins, now aged 15, who came to Holtsmere and enjoyed their time at our school. In my spare time I like to eat chocolate, watch my son play football and spend time with friends. I enjoy skiing and snowboarding when I can.

Phil Murray: After a career in management consulting I switched in 2005 to become a secondary school mathematics teacher, and more recently again have moved into a combination of roles in teacher training and specialist tutoring at A-level, as a consultant to schools on staff engagement, and as an Education Volunteer for the RNLI. I have been involved in school governance since 1996, serving originally as a governor and then Chair of Governors with Marlborough School in St Albans, and more recently as a Clerk to the Governors at a number of schools in Hertfordshire. In September 2015 I ceased to be Clerk to the Governors at Holtsmere and became a Co-opted Governor. I hope to help the school through my diverse perspectives on education.

Steve Perrin: For 36 years I have been involved in education, most of that time as a deputy head and headteacher in Hertfordshire. I recently retired and wanted to use my experience to help the school and benefit the children at Holtsmere, as both my sons attended the school. I enjoy walking, keeping myself fit and reading.

Erika Reid: I have been a Governor at Holtsmere End since 2013 and also work full time as a business manager at a large company near the school. I spent 2 years teaching English abroad and also have 2 children, so have a keen interest in education. Being a school governor allows me to combine my passion for education with my data analysis and finance background and ensure that the school is able to offer the best resources for its children.

Sharon Sexton: I am a parent governor with two children in the juniors. I am currently studying with Open University to gain my HLTA in Supporting Teaching and Learning, I also work as a MSA in the infants. As a parent of a child who has already finished education I was keen to see for myself the changes that have happened in schools over the years and have the opportunity to utilise my finding to the best advantage of the school. In my spare time I am a keen runner and use this skill to raise funds for charity.

Rob Blackman: My interest in Education has grown from hearing the experiences of my partner who is a head teacher and many of my friends who are also teachers, and the challenges that our schools face on a daily basis. I decided that I wanted to help and utilise my skills & experiences from my business background and support the school in delivering the best learning experiences for the children.

I joined the governing body in February 2017.